

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400

The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall. Approximately 25 people were in attendance.

At the meeting, the following matters were discussed:

1. Ken and Jamie reported that they are making progress on the Master Bike Plan. The Committee circulated, on behalf of the Master Bike Plan Subcommittee, a tentative table of contents and a proposed survey. The Committee will continue to work on these two items as the cornerstone of the Master Bike Plan.
2. Kevin and Dan reported on the Bike Routes and Bike Lanes. They have a meeting set up with the Town Engineer within the next several days and will report about the meeting at the next West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.
3. Sandy reported on the Complete Streets policy and the status of the Connecticut Statute revisions. Sandy reported that she and Scott met with town officials to discuss revisions to the proposed Complete Streets policy. The Town officials were very responsive. Sandy also mentioned that more than 50 people commented on the proposed statute revisions.
4. Justin and Mary reported on the status of the Bike Share Program. Instead of starting of full fledged bike share program this year, they will test market it at 3 separate West Hartford events, starting with Celebrate West Hartford.
5. Steve reported that on Sunday March 8, at 1:00 p.m. he and his subcommittee will be meeting at Lox, Stock & Bagels in West Hartford to discuss the North Main Street Road Diet and walk down North Main Street to West Hartford Center. Sandy noted that the company which will be doing the feasibility study should be selected by April, 2015.
6. Jim and Laurie reported on the "Big Event". This will be a "Discover West Hartford" ride on Saturday, June 6, 2015, which is the first day of Celebrate West Hartford. Rides will be 10, 25 and 50 miles long. Volunteers and contributions are needed. More details will be forthcoming.
7. Scott reported that there is a traffic skills 101 class scheduled on April 12, 2015 from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1055 Broad Street in Hartford, CT. The cost is \$65. Information can be found on the Bike Walk Connecticut website.
8. Scott reported that the National Bike Summit is scheduled for March 10-March 12 in Washington, D.C. More information can be found at www.bikeleague.org.
9. Lene reported that she has been in touch with Rose Bonner regarding development of a bicycle curriculum in the elementary schools. Lene and Jen will report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

10. Lene presented a report on a new proposed project called "Cycling without Age". This program started in Denmark and has expanded dramatically throughout the country. Lene knows the people who started this organization in Denmark and is in the process of putting together a business plan to implement the project in West Hartford. The goal of the project will be to acquire several three wheeled bikes for the purposes of taking the elderly for rides around the Town of West Hartford. More details will be forthcoming.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 217 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair
West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee